

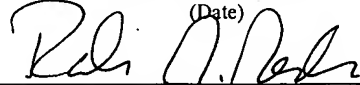
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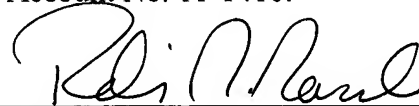
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2004, please reconsider the above-captioned Application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks being on page 3 of this paper.